

The Prophecy Club

Session 43: "The Abomination of Desolation"

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1) The Timelines of Daniel are Cyclical – but their final fulfillment will be in the Last Days:

- 1290 Day Timeline is for the End of the World (It was sealed until the End) (Daniel 12:8-13) What key event marks the start of the 1290? The Abomination of Desolation - when it is set up, the 1290 day timeline begins
- 1335 Day Timeline is for the End of Days (Daniel 8:12-13) (Daniel 12:8-13)
- 2300 Day Timeline is for the Last Days (Daniel 8:13-17) What key event marks the start of the 2300? Transgression of Desolation (Abomination) What key event marks the end of the 2300? The Sanctuary is Cleansed (Atonement)
- 70 Weeks (490 Day Timeline) is for the End (brings in Everlasting Righteousness) It takes place, culminating on the Day of Atonement (final one) (Daniel 9:24) (make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity)

Is the 2300 Day prophecy going to be cut in half? – Daniel 8:26 the vision (concerning the 2300 days) is 2300 "evenings" and "mornings".

- If you have 2300 evenings and mornings, doesn't that come out to be 2300 half days?
- $2300/2 = 1150$ days (24 hour periods)
- What is "evening" in Hebrew? (H6153) ereb - dusk: - + day, even (-ing, tide), night
- What is "morning" in Hebrew? (H1242) boqer - dawn (as the break of day); generally morning
- Genesis 1:5 – "...the evening (ereb) and the morning (boqer) were (to be) [equals] the first day."
- Genesis 1:8 – "...the evening (ereb) and the morning (boqer) were (to be) the second day."

evening + morning = day (24 hour)

Why does Daniel 8 refer to the 2300 Day timeline in this way? It has to do with making sure we would understand that the final fulfillment has to be 2300 literal 24 hour periods.

How many Gregorian years is 2300 Days? (365-day year) 6.3 years

2) What is the Abomination of Desolation?

The Soon-Coming 3rd Temple in Jerusalem: Seat of the Beast

The most dangerous deception in the Last Days will be the 3rd Temple and the false Christ who reigns there. It will be so overwhelming and so “righteous” in appearance, that “if it were possible, even the very elect will be deceived.” (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4) Are you ready to withstand the ultimate Temple Deception?

According to The Temple Institute in Jerusalem, **“Tisha b’Av: The Third Holy Temple Plans Have Begun”**. A Youtube video is available to watch online showing a complete virtual walk-through of this Temple, soon-to-be-built in Jerusalem (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A2lkxmwkayM>). As The Temple Institute video advertisement explains:

This (video) is a walk-through the main sanctuary of the Holy Temple, showcasing decades of research and tons of innovative Halachic solutions to various perplexing issues that were resolved to create fully functional, ready-to-use plans.

As the visual tour sweeps through the sanctuary, one can see the menorah, incense altar and showbread table, all of which have already been prepared by the Institute, among 70 other sacred vessels. The presentation was specially released to coincide with the Ninth of Av, the Jewish national day of mourning which commemorates the destruction of the First and Second Temples...

In summary, this is a highly-detailed building plan... The video comes one year after the Temple Institute appealed to its supporters to take part in a funding campaign that raised over \$100,000 for the architectural plans.

Rabbi Chaim Richman, International Director of The Temple Institute noted: “One third of all Torah commandments pertain to the building of and service in the Holy Temple. Today, we not only mourn the destruction of the two Holy Temples, but also our inability to fulfill one third of the Torah. Over the last three decades, the Temple Institute has done everything in our power to research and prepare for the Third Temple. As world Jewry sits on the ground



mourning the first two Temples, we have taken a huge leap towards the rebuilding, by releasing a 3D architectural rendition of the Third Temple.

The Temple Institute is the center of research and preparation for the Holy Temple. (And has) also recreated the Temple Furnishings and over 70 sacred vessels for use in the Third Holy Temple, which can be seen at their Visitors Center in the Old City of Jerusalem...



Think of it for just a moment! There will soon be a beautiful temple, on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, built after the same pattern seen in Solomon's Temple, or such as was foretold in the Ezekiel Temple prophecy. It will contain the same furniture as was found in the sacred Temple of *Yahweh* in the past. And the priests who serve in it will lead the people in keeping the Feasts of *Yahweh*, apparently keeping the *Torah*, in every detail.

What could be more righteous or blessed than such a place as this? Already 70+ temple vessels, described in *Torah* for use in *Yahweh's* holy Temple, have been painstakingly recreated to be used

in this coming temple. There will even be some original Temple artifacts in this amazing third temple. These original Temple artifacts will include the very Menorah which was used in



the Second Temple, the Silver Trumpets, and many other items, which were taken by Rome when Herod's Temple was sacked. The record of these artifacts falling into the hands of Rome, is found in the relief carvings on Titus' famous arch. Today, these artifacts and many original Temple furnishings are kept in the Vatican vault, awaiting the day when they are planned to be set in place, in the 3rd Temple of Jerusalem.

And if that wasn't enough to convince that this will indeed be God's holy Temple, 3rd temple proponents can even point to the prophecies of Ezekiel to support the establishment of this future temple. Even the suggestion that such a temple could be "unholy" seems impossible!

In Bible prophecy, we are warned that the final deception of Satan will be of so great a magnitude that, "if it were possible _____," even the "very _____ elect _____" would be _____ deceived _____ by it (Matthew 24:24-25). This term refers to the Yahweh's chosen generation is His "royal priesthood" (the saved are called _____ to be "priests and kings" (Rev 5:10) - this is the very elect.

Yahweh characterizes His "elect" as being those who are obedient to His Will and *Torah* and keep His Sabbaths. This final deception will be so overmastering that it will even threaten the most committed followers of *Yahweh*. How is such a thing possible? It will appear to be righteous! This third Temple, in Jerusalem, in which to keep the Feasts and Levitical injunctions of *Torah*, certainly does appear to be the Work of God!

Also because the Temple Mount is the most universally sacred in all the world - being recognized as "holy" by Christians, Jews, and Muslims alike - it is an ideal place for the Beast to reign, as Scripture tells us he will.

Bible prophecy plainly warns that the final Beast will reign from a temple, which is proclaimed to be *Yahweh's* holy Temple. Of course since the final Anti-christ will be enthroned within its "Most Holy Place", in reality it will be the most unholy place of all!

- 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4: The man of sin (the Beast stage 3) "as God" (claiming to be God) sits in the Temple of God (the Temple that legitimately should be Yahweh's) showing himself that he "is" God.
- Daniel 11:15-16 & 45 He (the king of the North - the Beast stage 3) will consume the "glorious land" (Israel, Jerusalem being the center with the temple)... He will plant (build) the tabernacle of his palace (His Temple) in the "glorious holy mountain" (the place where the prior two temples once stood).

Thankfully, we read the latter part of Daniel 11:45, where we find the Promise that this final Anti-christ will come to his end, after consuming the former holy Land, and placing his unholy tabernacle in what once was the glorious holy Mountain.

In fact, in physical manifestation, the erection of this false temple of the Beast IS the final Abomination of Desolation (because it spiritually desolates the place that should be holy) _____!

- Daniel 11:31 They will place (set up) the Abomination - which will pollute the sanctuary of strength. The Abomination is a tangible thing, set up in the place of Yahweh's sanctuary. It is an idolatrous thing.

It is vitally important that *Yahweh's* people not only avoid falling for this temple deception, but also we need to recognize it for what it really is - prophetically speaking. This temple is the Abomination of Desolation. Thus, when it is placed, it will be the sign for God's true followers to flee to the mountains.

- Mark 13:14 The Abomination of Desolation stands "where it ought not" because it stands in the holy place - the place where the prior Temples of Yahweh stood - this is holy ground
There is holy ground on Earth - and it is where the prior two Temples stood.

When the Abomination of Desolation was erected the first time, only those who rightly identified it fled - and were saved. Many failed to heed the sign and were needlessly slaughtered as a result.

We need to understand what the Abomination of Desolation looked like the first time, to get a better understanding of what to look for in the future. (For a short overview, look at: Drive Through History: "The Temple in Jerusalem"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eI5OHnRUqyQ>)

What part of the Temple was its "heart" or epicenter? Altar of Burnt Sacrifice

At first the answer to this question might seem obvious. The "heart" of the Temple, from which the placement of all the temple spaces was determined, was the Most Holy Place, where the Ark of the Covenant stood! Right? Wrong...

The "heart" of the Temple was actually the Altar of Burnt Sacrifice. So when the Greeks sacrificed the first pig on that Altar, the Abomination day 1 occurred. First, let's look at why the Jews consider the Altar of Burnt Sacrifice to be the "heart" of Yahweh's Temple:

"The exact location of the altar (of burnt sacrifice) is extremely precise, and has been established since time immemorial. The altar built by King David and King Solomon in the days of the First Temple, as well as the one built later in the era of the Second Temple, were both erected on the very same place: for this was the very place from which Adam, the first man, was created. The sages stated: "Man was created from the very spot which atones for him" (The Temple Institute, www.templeinstitute.org/altar.htm)

Why did the Jews consider the Altar of Burnt Sacrifice to be the “heart” of the Temple, and its orientation point? They believe that Yahweh chose this ground - the site of David's altar and Solomon's Temple altar... where they believe that Yahweh first created man.

Scripture tells us plainly that the Altar of Burnt Sacrifice was placed on the ground which once was the Threshing Floor of Ornan (Araunah) in the time of David— upon the very spot where the angel of death stood, with a sword pointing towards the city of Jerusalem.

Let's look at this from the Bible. The backstory of why David purchased Araunah's Threshing floor and built an altar to Yahweh upon it is found in 2 Samuel chapter 24.

David numbered the fighting men in Israel, as a military strategy, which demonstrated that he was trusting in his own flesh instead of the provision and protection of Yahweh. We pick up the next part of the story in 2 Samuel 24:10:

“And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto Yahweh, I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now, I beseech Thee, O Yahweh, take away the iniquity of Thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.”

Yahweh sent His prophet, Gad, to see king David with a choice of 3 righteous punishments. David could either choose a seven year-long famine, three months of being invaded by earthly enemies, or he could choose a supernatural “pestilence” in which the angel of death would stalk the land. Truly repentant and wisely seeking Yahweh's Hand over man's, David opted to “fall” into the “Hand of Yahweh” for three days (2 Samuel 24:14).

The fearsome angel of death struck down 70,000 Israelites from Dan to Beersheba. But when the angel started to move upon Jerusalem to destroy it, Yahweh commanded him to stay his hand. Ominously, the angel stood upon the threshing floor of Ornan/Araunah the Jebusite, just outside of Jerusalem, with sword outstretched.

The Bible doesn't give a great deal of information about Ornan. In fact, it is not even clear on what the man's name was. 2 Samuel 24 calls him Araunah, but 1 Chronicles 21:18 calls him Ornan.

Whatever his name, this man was a Jebusite farmer, who lived on a property outside of Jerusalem. The Jebusites were a Canaanite tribe who inhabited Jerusalem prior to its

conquest by King David. The Books of Kings as well as 1 Chronicles 11:4 state that Jerusalem was known as Jebus prior to this event.

But one of the most significant parts of the story tends to go unnoticed —the location. The place where the angel stood is sacred ground, claimed by Yahweh Himself! To demonstrate this, notice that it is Yahweh’s Will— not David’s idea—to build an altar on the threshing floor of Araunah, where the angel stood with the sword.

- 2 Samuel 24:18 Yahweh's Word, through prophet Gad, is for David to build an altar to Yahweh on the threshing floor of Araunah, where the angel stood.

Now let’s fast-forward to the time of Solomon. When Solomon was constructing the Temple of Yahweh, he built it on the threshing floor of Araunah, who is called Ornan in Chronicles, where the Heavenly angel once stood.

“Then Solomon began to build the House of Yahweh at Jerusalem in ~~Lighted Way~~ ~~Ministries News Magazine~~ ~~TITLE~~ ~~Lighted Way~~ ~~Ministries News Magazine~~ 7 mount Moriah, where Yahweh appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.” 2 Chronicles 3:1



Further, when Solomon built the Temple, he purposely placed the Altar of Burnt Sacrifice on the very spot where David had built the altar to Yahweh—the place on which the angel of Yahweh had once stood. This was the holy ground—chosen by Yahweh Himself, upon which the altar was built and the placement of the Temple was orientated.

We have all read the amazing story of how Solomon built the temple in reverent silence. But we have largely ~~Feature 7~~ assumed this was done out of respect for the future Temple, which would be holy. In actuality, Solomon commanded the Temple be built without banging hammers or clanging chisels because the Ground he was building on was already holy, having been clearly claimed as sacred Ground by Yahweh Himself.

To place any idolatrous thing on such sacred Ground would indeed be an abomination!

Thus, when the idolatrous image of Zeus/Antiochus was erected in the Temple, and a pig was offered on the Altar of Burnt Sacrifice upon that very place where the angel had stood, and where David's altar had been, it was the Abomination of Desolation, "standing where it ought not" (Mark 13:14).

Truly they had desecrated the "glorious holy mountain" and had "polluted the Sanctuary..." (Daniel 11:31 & 45).

There is no argument amongst Jews or Bible scholars that indeed there is a spot near the Old City of Jerusalem which is hallowed Ground—being the site where the angel stood and where David's altar was built. It was out of reverent awareness that this was holy Ground which caused it to be the location where both Solomon's Temple and Herod's were later placed.

What was the original Abomination of Desolation? At its heart, it was more than the Temple... It was the desecration of the Altar of Burnt Sacrifice - which was placed on the holy Ground... By offering pigs blood (an unclean animal, its carcass is called an "abomination" in Torah) it was a slap in the Face of Yahshua, who all the animals and sacrifices pointed to... So it desecrated Calvary, Messiah, and the true Sacrifice - by tainting that hallowed Ground and Altar.

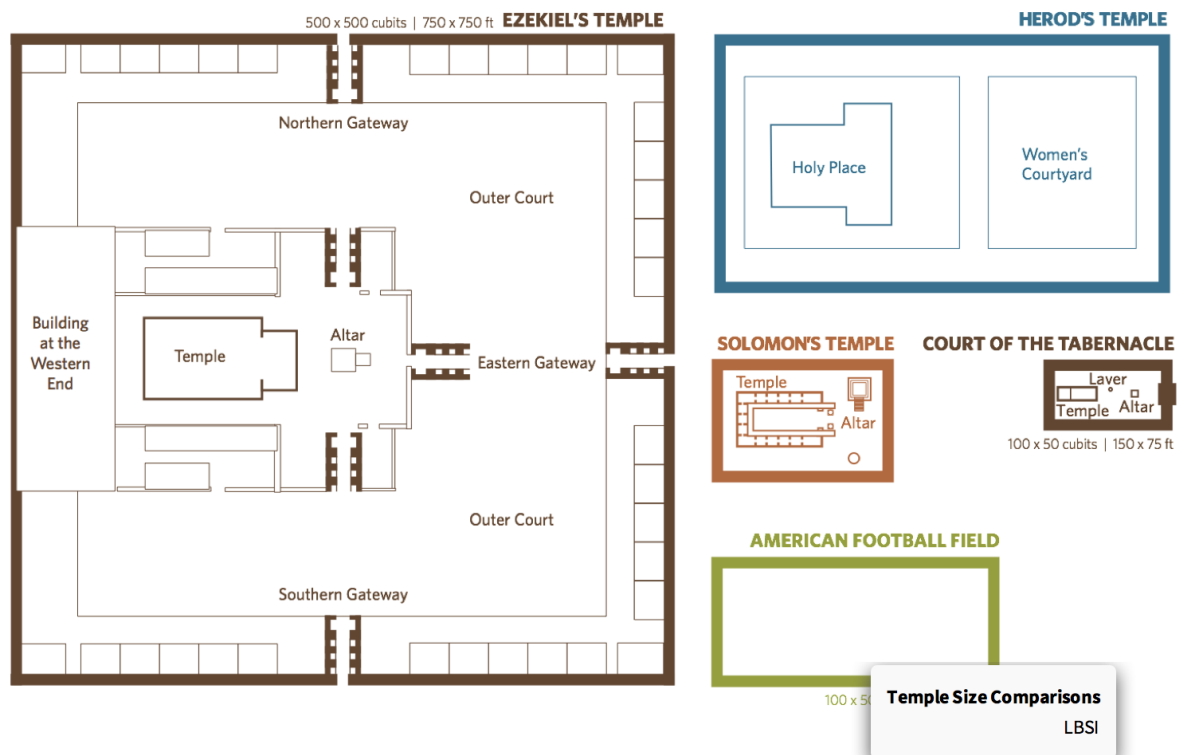
But what about the Temple of Ezekiel? If the soon-coming third temple will be the Seat of the Beast power, erected for his dark purposes and for his cause; what happened to the Ezekiel Temple prophecy? (Daniel 11:45, 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4)

Just a few years after the First Temple (Solomon's) was destroyed and before the Second Temple (Herod's) was built, the prophet Ezekiel was shown a vision of another

holy Temple. This Temple, by its physical description and dimensions, was never built. Never has there been such a Temple as this one, on earth.

Ezekiel's Temple Complex was 500x500 cubits, which is 750 feet square. This means that it would have been much larger than Solomon's Temple, Herod's Temple and the Wilderness Tabernacle - all combined. In fact, all these other prior Temples could fit within the foretold Ezekiel Temple Complex and still have room to rattle around!

Temple Size Comparisons



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Additionally, the Ezekiel Temple would have been unique in that it did not have a laver. Instead of a laver, there was to be a stream of living water, which would flow out from the Messiah's Throne in the Most Holy Place. In other words, the Ezekiel Temple - not Herod's Temple - should have been the Temple which *Yahshua* came to when He was here among us (Ez. 43:7). But it was not to be...

Now, there is a problem with the Ezekiel Temple prophecy, making it clear that this Temple can never be built, by the Cause of *Yahweh*. We can know this because, Ezekiel Chapter 40 details animal sacrifices, which were to have been performed within this Temple. But now that our Saviour has died (once for all), *Yahweh* has commanded that

the sacrificing of animals forever cease, for they all pointed to the death of *Yahshua* and were fulfilled by Him on Calvary.

Hebrews 10:8-10 Yahweh took away the "first" (which was the animals sacrifices) so that He could establish (a permanent word) the "second" (which was the offering of the Body of Messiah for our redemption). Key point - the "first" was taken away. This means that the animal sacrifices were permanently taken away - because Yahshua died "once for all", which means for all people and it also means for all sacrifices.

Animal sacrifices were never the end in themselves. The blood of animals could not atone for our sins. These animal sacrifices were merely the " shadows (a promisory note) " of Calvary. *Yahshua* was called the Lamb of God Who taketh away the sin of the world, because it was only His Blood, which can wash away our sin.

Hebrews 10:1-4 - When a sacrifice is perfect, all future sacrificing ceases (stops). If sacrificing continues it means the sacrifices were not yet perfect. But Yahshua's offering was perfect, while animal blood was not. When Yahshua died, as our perfect sacrifice, all sacrificing forever ceased.

When did the animal sacrifices end (Daniel 9:26-27) When Yahshua was "cut off" (died), He confirmed the Covenant with His Blood and caused the sacrifices and oblations to "cease" (stop).

Since animal sacrifices ceased with the Death of *Yahshua*, the prophecies of the Ezekiel Temple, with their numerous animal sacrifices, cannot be fulfilled in the future. But what do we do about this prophecy? Surely, since we can be certain this was a *Yahweh*-given prophecy, it has to come to pass! Doesn't it?

Actually, it is this belief that will make the third temple deception especially convincing to most Christians. When the third temple is erected, it will be built to Ezekiel's specifications, in apparent fulfillment of his God-given prophecy. It appears to be a "slam-dunk" in terms of evidence supporting the "holiness" of the third temple cause. But in actuality, true prophecies **can** fail, if the conditions of the prophecy aren't met (1 Corinthians 13:8 and Jonah 3 - see the side panel).

The Ezekiel Temple was intended, by *Yahweh*, to be the Temple to which Messiah would have come.

"And He said unto me, Son of man, the place of My Throne, and the Place of the Soles of My Feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever, and My holy Name, shall the house of Israel no more defile..." Ezekiel 43:7

But, the rebellious heart-condition of the nation of Israel caused this amazing Temple prophecy to fail, in the time of *Yahshua*. Now, when a temple is built in Jerusalem with the dimensions and characteristics which Ezekiel foretold, it will not be built by the Cause of *Yahweh*. It will be the Seat of the Beast, with its counterfeit identity deceptively obscured by the unfulfilled prophecy of Ezekiel (Daniel 11:15-16 & 45, 2 Thessalonians 2:2-3).

Thankfully, there is good news. The prophecy that *Yahweh* would come to dwell with His people, enthroned in a holy Temple upon this earth, is not lost. In fact, for the forgiven faithful, an even better Temple is yet to come!

Revelation 21:1-4 After the heavens and earth are destroyed, and there is a new heaven and a new earth, the New Jerusalem will descend from Heaven, and the Tabernacle of *Yahweh* will be on Earth and He will dwell with us (by His Grace) forevermore.

But we must pay special attention the context of the future Promise regarding *Yahweh's* holy Temple. The context is _____ after _____ the _____ earth _____ has been _____ destroyed _____ and made new, *Yahweh* will bring down the holy City of New Jerusalem from Heaven. Then, and only then, will the Temple upon the earth be *Yahweh's* holy Temple. Current Jerusalem, with its soon-to-be-built false Temple (2 Thessalonians 2:2-3 & Daniel 11:45) will be burned up, upon the true Messiah's Return (2 Peter 3:10-12). Regarding Jerusalem's role as the Holy City - a title which it received because it held the holy Temple of God - *Yahshua* gave a powerful warning. This prophecy is one of the most ignored Bible prophecies of all. Yet it was never more vitally important than it is now. *Yahshua* Himself said that Jerusalem's " _____ House (Temple) _____ " was left unto it " _____ desolate _____ " (Matthew 23:37-38)

What is the " _____ House _____ " to which *Yahshua* was referring in this prophecy?

The word "HOUSE", in this passage, is translated from the Greek word *οἶκος* (Strong's # G2634 _____). It means: "house or temple"

According to the Lexical Aids, this word can apply both to a literal Temple and to a figurative one (we are the Temple of the Living God)

"...to dwell, as God in the temple at Jerusalem (Matt.23:21); to dwell, as Christ (Eph. 3:17) and the Holy Ghost (James 4:5) in the faithful..."

Messiah plainly stated that the "house" which was left "desolate" was _____ Jerusalem's Temple _____, in Matthew 23:38. This meant that the Presence of *Yahweh* was no longer in its _____ Temple _____.

Key point: If *Yahweh's* Presence isn't within it, it isn't "holy".

And if *Yahweh's* Presence isn't indwelling (in a temple or a person, for example) that place or person cannot _____ be holy (Jerusalem is no longer the holy city)

Yet, today Christians, Jews, and even *Torah*-keeping Messianics have forgotten that *Yahshua* proclaimed Jerusalem's "house" to be desolate. Having forgotten this vital prophecy, Jerusalem is still regarded as *Yahweh's* Holy City. This belief is the root-system of many resulting doctrines. For example, if one believes that Jerusalem is still the Holy City, one will also believe that the biblical calendar should be determined by Jerusalem (ie: Jerusalem's barley determines the first month of the year).

Yet disregarding the prophecies of Daniel (Daniel 11:45), Paul (2 Thessalonians 2:2-3), and *Yahshua* Himself (Matthew 23:38) is deadly. It prepares us to worship the Beast and fall a prey to the ultimate Abomination of Desolation.

For, if we forget or ignore *Yahshua's* Jerusalem prophecy in Matthew 23, we will miss the full meaning of His warning in Matthew 24. The same word, translated as "desolate" (*ἔρημος*) in Matthew 23:38 also appears in Matthew 24:23-26, referring to the final Abomination of Desolation. The word translated as "_____ desolate _____", in Matthew 24:23-26, is translated as "_____ desert _____" in Matthew 23:38. Plainly, *Yahshua* warned that the final Anti-christ would be in Jerusalem - the "_____ desolate place _____" place.

"Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not... If they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert (*ἔρημος* - *desolate place*, *Matt 23:38*); go not forth..." Matt.24:23-26

Ignoring these Temple prophecies is causing many, even among *Torah*-keepers, to unknowingly prepare to worship the Beast. It is he who will reign in the 3rd temple. It is he who will disrespect *Yahshua's* Death reinstating animal sacrifices in it. It will be the biggest deception ever to hit this planet - the final Abomination of Desolation. If it were possible, even the very elect will be deceived by it.